

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 3: LEGISLATURE**  
**Chapter 35: STATE GOVERNMENT EVALUATION**

**§959. SCHEDULING GUIDELINE FOR REVIEW OF AGENCIES OR INDEPENDENT AGENCIES**

**1. Scheduling guidelines.** Except as provided in subsection 2, reviews of agencies or independent agencies must be scheduled in accordance with the following. Subsequent reviews must be scheduled on an ongoing basis every 8 years after the dates specified in this subsection.

A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Baxter State Park Authority in 2017;
- (2) Board of Pesticides Control in 2019;
- (3) Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine in 2019;
- (4) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council in 2015;
- (5) Maine Dairy Promotion Board in 2015;
- (6) Maine Milk Commission in 2015;
- (7) State Harness Racing Commission in 2015;
- (8) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board in 2017;
- (9) Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in 2017; and
- (10) Land for Maine's Future Board in 2015. [ 2013 , c. 405 , Pt. D , §1 (RPR) . ]

B. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) State Employee Health Commission in 2017; and
- (2) Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, in conjunction with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, in 2015. [ 2013 , c. 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

C. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Maine Development Foundation in 2021;
- (5) Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, in conjunction with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters, in 2015;
- (19) Department of Economic and Community Development in 2021;
- (23) Maine State Housing Authority in 2015;
- (32) Finance Authority of Maine in 2017;
- (36) Board of Dental Practice in 2019;
- (37) Board of Osteopathic Licensure in 2019;
- (38) Board of Licensure in Medicine in 2019;
- (41) State Board of Nursing in 2019;

(42) State Board of Optometry in 2019; and

(45) State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers in 2019. [ 2013, c. 588, Pt. E, §1 (AMD); 2013, c. 588, Pt. E, §2 (AFF); 2015, c. 429, §23 (REV). ]

D. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(1) Department of Public Safety, except for the Emergency Services Communication Bureau, in 2015;

(2) Department of Corrections in 2019; and

(3) The Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management in 2015. [ 2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD). ]

E. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(2) Department of Education in 2021;

(2-A) State Board of Education in 2021;

(3) Maine Arts Commission in 2015;

(5) Maine Historic Preservation Commission in 2015;

(5-A) Notwithstanding section 952, Maine Historical Society in 2015;

(6) Maine Library Commission in 2015;

(6-A) Maine State Cultural Affairs Council in 2015;

(6-B) Maine State Library in 2015;

(6-C) Maine State Museum in 2015;

(7) Maine State Museum Commission in 2015;

(8) Office of State Historian in 2015;

(9) Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy in 2017;

(10) Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System in 2017;

(12) Maine Community College System in 2017; and

(13) Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority in 2019.

[ 2015, c. 170, §1 (AMD); 2015, c. 170, §30 (AFF). ]

F. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(6) Department of Health and Human Services in 2017;

(7) Board of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated in 2019; and

(9) Maine Developmental Disabilities Council in 2019. [ 2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD). ]

G. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(1) Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in 2015; and

(2) Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists in 2015. [ 2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD). ]

H. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (2) Maine Human Rights Commission in 2017;
- (3) Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission in 2019; and
- (4) Department of the Attorney General in 2019. [ 2013 , c . 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

I. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (2) Department of Labor in 2015;
- (3) Maine Labor Relations Board in 2017; and
- (4) Workers' Compensation Board in 2017. [ 2013 , c . 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

J. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs shall use the following schedule as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (2) State Liquor and Lottery Commission in 2015;
- (3) The Department of Administrative and Financial Services with regard to the enforcement of the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and the laws relating to licensing and the collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine in 2015; and
- (4) Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management in 2019, except for the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the department. [ 2013 , c . 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

K. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resource matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in 2021;
  - (2) Department of Marine Resources in 2021; and
  - (4) Lobster Advisory Council in 2015.
- [ 2015 , c . 494 , Pt . A , §2 (AMD) . ]

L. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Department of Environmental Protection in 2017;
- (2) Board of Environmental Protection in 2017;
- (4) Saco River Corridor Commission in 2021; and
- (5) Board of Underground Oil Tank Installers in 2019. [ 2013 , c . 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

M. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Capitol Planning Commission in 2019;
- (1-A) Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in 2021;
- (2) State Civil Service Appeals Board in 2021;
- (3) State Claims Commission in 2021;
- (4) Maine Municipal Bond Bank in 2015;
- (5) Office of Treasurer of State in 2015;
- (6) Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except for the Bureau of Revenue Services, in 2019; and
- (7) Department of the Secretary of State, except for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in 2019. [ 2013 , c . 505 , §1 (AMD) . ]

N. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters shall use the following schedule as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) State Board of Property Tax Review in 2019; and
- (2) Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services in 2019. [2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD).]

O. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall use the following schedule as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Maine Turnpike Authority in 2021;
- (2) The Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State in 2015;
- (3) The Department of Transportation in 2017; and
- (4) Maine State Pilotage Commission in 2017. [2015, c. 473, §1 (AMD).]

P. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Public Advocate in 2015;
- (2) Board of Directors, Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency in 2015;
- (3) Public Utilities Commission, including the Emergency Services Communication Bureau, in 2015; and
- (5) Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council in 2015. [2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD).]

Q. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Maine Public Employees Retirement System in 2021. [2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD).]

[2015, c. 429, §23 (REV); 2015, c. 473, §1 (AMD); 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §2 (AMD).]

**2. Waiver.** Notwithstanding this list of agencies arranged by year, an agency or independent agency may be reviewed at any time by the committee pursuant to section 954.

[1995, c. 488, §2 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1995, c. 488, §2 (NEW). 1995, c. 560, §K82 (AMD). 1995, c. 560, §K83 (AFF). 1995, c. 671, §§1-3 (AMD). 1997, c. 245, §19 (AMD). 1997, c. 455, §31 (AMD). 1997, c. 526, §14 (AMD). 1997, c. 683, §D1 (AMD). 1997, c. 727, §§A1,2 (AMD). 1999, c. 127, §§C1-15 (AMD). 1999, c. 415, §1 (AMD). 1999, c. 585, §1 (AMD). 1999, c. 603, §§1,2 (AMD). 1999, c. 687, §A1 (AMD). 1999, c. 706, §1 (AMD). 1999, c. 790, §§D2,3 (AMD). 1999, c. 790, §D14 (AFF). 2001, c. 354, §3 (AMD). 2001, c. 439, §§EEEE1,2 (AMD). 2001, c. 471, §§D4,5 (AMD). 2001, c. 519, §1 (AMD). 2001, c. 548, §1 (AMD). 2001, c. 597, §1 (AMD). 2001, c. 697, §A1 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF). 2003, c. 451, §§T1,2 (AMD). 2003, c. 578, §1 (AMD). 2003, c. 600, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 155, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 294, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 397, §C3 (AMD). 2005, c. 477, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 550, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 605, §§1,2 (AMD). 2005, c. 634, §§1,2 (AMD). 2007, c. 356, §1 (AMD). 2007, c. 356, §31 (AFF). 2007, c. 395, §1 (AMD). 2007, c. 560, §1 (AMD). 2007, c. 695, Pt. A, §6 (AMD). 2007, c. 695, Pt. D, §3 (AFF). 2009, c. 122, §3 (AMD).

2009, c. 552, §1 (AMD). 2009, c. 561, §1 (AMD). 2011, c. 579, §1 (AMD). 2011, c. 655, Pt. CC, §2 (AMD). 2011, c. 655, Pt. CC, §4 (AFF). 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 1, Pt. DD, §§1, 2 (AMD). 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §§1, 2 (AMD). 2013, c. 405, Pt. D, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 505, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 588, Pt. E, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 588, Pt. E, §2 (AFF). 2015, c. 170, §1 (AMD). 2015, c. 170, §30 (AFF). 2015, c. 429, §23 (REV). 2015, c. 473, §1 (AMD). 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §2 (AMD).

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